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**HAND SURGEON NEWEST MEMBER
OF ORTHOPEDICS TEAM AT EXCELA HEALTH**

GREENSBURG, October 11, 2012 ... Excela Health welcomes Lance Brunton, MD to the Department of Orthopedics, as the newest member of Excela Health Orthopedics and Sports Medicine. Specializing in surgery of the hand and upper extremity, Dr. Brunton will practice primarily at Excela Square at Norwin, with limited office hours in Latrobe with orthopedist A. Roger Wigle, MD, and surgical rotations at Latrobe Hospital.

Dr. Brunton is a board-certified diplomate of the American Board of Orthopedic Surgery. His focus is on the treatment of acute and chronic conditions of the hand, wrist and elbow, as well as microsurgical reconstruction of nerve and blood vessel disorders of the upper extremity. He has a special interest in pediatric hand disorders and sports-related injuries of the upper extremity. He is a hand consultant for several local college and high school athletic teams.

Among the most common conditions Dr. Brunton treats are arthritis of the hand and thumb, work-related nerve injuries and carpal tunnel syndrome. Anticipating that 90 percent of his procedures will be performed in an outpatient setting, Dr. Brunton specializes in minimally invasive surgery techniques, including endoscopic carpal tunnel release.

In the area of work-related hand injuries, Dr. Brunton will be directing his patients to Excela Health's certified occupational hand therapists for follow-up rehabilitation.

A summa cum laude graduate in bioengineering from the University of Pennsylvania, Dr. Brunton earned his medical degree from the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. He completed his orthopedic surgery residency at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville and a hand, upper extremity and microsurgery fellowship at the Curtis National Hand Center at Union Memorial Hospital in Baltimore. He also trained in pediatrics with Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

A clinical assistant professor of orthopedic surgery at UPMC, Dr. Brunton is widely published and a frequent guest lecturer. He has been involved in extensive volunteer efforts locally and nationally through the Albert Schweitzer Fellows Program, AmeriCorps and Special Olympics.

To learn more about Excelsa Health Orthopedics and Sports Medicine or schedule an appointment with Dr. Brunton, visit www.excelahealth.org, or call 1-877-771-1234.